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FEATHERSTON LETTER 9/11/74

1. BECAUSE OF NATURE OF EXPENSES AND BRIEF PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE OPHTHALMIC TRAINING PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY, WE REQUEST THAT AID MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO ITS USUAL SDAF PRACTICE AND ISSUE DOLLAR CHECK FOR US DOLS 15,000 FOR PRESENTATION TO GOB. EMBOFF CONTACTED HEALTH MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY WHO CONFIRMED THAT GREATER PORTION OF PROGRAM EXPENSE WOULD BE PERSONNEL OUTLAYS CONNECTED WITH BRINGING TEACHING PERSONNEL FROM U.S. TO BARBADOS, THEIR MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP WHILE HERE AS WELL AS ATTENDANCE AT COURSE BY CARIBBEAN HEALTH PERSONNEL. WHILE SOME BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS WILL BE REQUIRED, MOST OF THESE WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION.

2. IN ANY EVENT COURSE BEGINS NOVEMBER 4, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO EFFECT REIMBURSEMENT OF GOB EXPENSES IN USUAL MANNER. GOB IS POOLING FUNDS FOR COURSE AND EXPECTS TO USE GRANT TO DEFRAY TRAVEL AND OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS WITH SOME MINOR PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT AND COURSE MATERIALS. AS DESCRIBED REFTEL (A), TOTAL COST OF COURSE IS ABOUT US DOLS 40,000 WHICH IS BEING FUNDED BY GOB, INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES. TRAINING COURSE IS A LAUDABLE REGIONAL SELF-HELP EFFORT AND OUR PLEDGED CONTRIBUTION WILL EARN US CREDIT NOT ONLY WITH GOB BUT WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AS
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3. WE RECOGNIZE INCONVENIENCE OF SHORT DEADLINE AND THAT ISSUANCE OF CHECK IN THIS MANNER IS DEPARTURE FROM OUR USUAL PRACTICE. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN NATURE OF PROJECT WE FEEL THAT THIS IS BEST WAY WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS. GOB IS WILLING TO PROVIDE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT NO PART OF OUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES, DUTIES OR OTHER EXPENSES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO PROJECT.

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